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SUBJ: NTM SUB-GROUP ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND U.S.  
CONSULTATIONS STATUS REPORT

1. ONE OF THE TOPICS BEING ACTIVELY DISCUSSED IN THE  
MTN IS THE USE OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (QR'S). THE  
PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO BRING ADDRESSES UP TO DATE  
ON BILATERAL ASPECTS OF THIS PORTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. QR'S LIMIT THE QUANTITY OF MERCHANDISE PERMITTED TO  
ENTER OR LEAVE A COUNTRY AND TAKE VARIOUS FORMS INCLUDING  
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EMBARGOES, QUOTAS, DISCRETIONARY LICENSING, MIXING REGULATIONS,  
PRICE REGULATIONS, ETC., U.S. POSITION IS TO  
SEEK ELIMINATION OF OUTSTANDING QR'S WHICH DO NOT CONFORM  
TO GATT PROVISIONS AND TO OFFER NO COMPENSATION FOR THEIR  
ELIMINATION. IN CASES WHERE ELIMINATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED,  
THE QR'S SHOULD BE TREATED UNDER EXCEPTIONS OR WAIVER  
PROVISIONS OF THE GATT WITH APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION. EX-  
ISTING QR'S WHICH ARE JUSTIFIED UNDER GATT PROCEDURES MAY

ALSO BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATION ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

3. AS A FIRST STEP IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS, AN MTN MEETING OF SUB-GROUP ON QUANTATIVE RESTRICTIONS HELD IN APRIL, 1975 AGREED THAT:  
QUOTE A PROCESS OF INFORMATION, EXAMINATION AND DIALOGUE SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN WITH RESPECT TO EXISTING QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS. THIS PROCESS SHOULD ELUCIDATE, INTER ALIA, WHETHER RESTRICTIONS ARE MAINTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND SHOULD ALSO ELUCIDATE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES UNDERLYING PARTICULAR RESTRICTIONS IN IMPORTING COUNTRIES.  
THIS PROCESS OF INFORMATION, EXAMINATION AND DIALOGUE WOULD TAKE PLACE THROUGH DETAILED BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES MAINTAINING RESTRICTIONS AND COUNTRIES NOTIFYING A DIRECT TRADE INTEREST IN THESE RESTRICTIONS THROUGH THE SECRETARIAT. THESE CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSION MIGHT INCLUDE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR ACTION IN REGARD TO INDIVIDUAL RESTRICTIONS. FLEXIBILITY SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE ADEQUATELY IN THIS PROCESS. END QUOTE.  
THE RESULTS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL BE REPORTED AT NEXT MEETING OF QR SUB-GROUP 27 OCTOBER 1975. THE SUB-GROUP MAY THEN CONSIDER FURTHER NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES ON EITHER BILATERAL AND/OR PLURILATERAL LEVEL.

4. THE UNITED STATES SUBMITTED QR NOTIFICATIONS AGAINST: ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, COLOMBIA, DENMARK, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, EC, FRANCE, GERMANY, GUATEMALE, ICELAND, IRAN, IRELAND, ITALY, JAMAICA, JAPAN, KENYA, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORWAY, PANAMA, PHILIPPINES, PORTUGAL, SOUTH AFRICA, SPAIN, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, TRINILIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DAD AND TOBAGO AND VENEZUELA. ON JUNE 24 THE GATT SECRETARIAT COMMUNICATED THESE NOTIFICATIONS TO EACH OF THE 35 COUNTRIES AND THE EC.

5. THE U.S. HAS RECEIVED NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING OUR ALLEGED QR PRACTICES FROM: ARGENTINA, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, EC, INDIA, KOREA, NEW ZEALAND, POLAND, ROMANIA, THAILAND, TURKEY, URUGUAY AND YUGOSLAVIA.

6. THE U.S. MTN DELEGATION HAS SENT REQUESTS TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS TO COUNTRIES WHICH WERE CONSIDERED LIKELY TO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL QR'S. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE NOT REQUESTED THE INITIATION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC AND MEMBER STATES, THE NORDICS, JAPAN, SPAIN AND PORTUGAL. COMMUNICATIONS HAVE

BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE ED, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND ICELAND INDICATING THEIR INTENTION NOT TO CONSULT ON THE AGRICULTURAL QR'S WE NOTIFIED UNDER NTM PROCEDURES, BUT RATHER ACCORDING TO ANY PROCEDURES AGREED UPON IN THE AGRICULTURAL GROUP. JAPAN HAS INFORMALLY INDICATED THEY THEY ARE UNWILLING TO CONSULT ON AGRICULTURAL QR'S AT THIS STAGE, BUT WILL NOT FORMALLY COMMUNICATE THIS TO THE U.S. DEL UNLESS PRESSED TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO RESOLUTION OF PROCEDURAL ISSUE BY AGRICULTURE GROUP.

7. PROCEDURES: PROCEDURES FOR CONSULTATIONS ARE LARGELY THE PREROGATIVE OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. IN GATT SECRETARIAT COVER LETTER TO NOTIFICATIONS, REFERENCE IS MADE TO AGREEMENT IN JUNE NTM MEETING THAT DECISIONS ON TECHNICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS WERE LEFT TO THE CONCERNED COUNTRIES WITH OPTIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE SECRETARIAT REGARDING MEETING ROOMS, INTERPRETATION FACILITIES AND ARRANGING CONTACTS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS. TO DATE NONE OF THE COUNTRIES WE HAVE TALKED TO HAVE MENTIONED GATT SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE. UNLESS OUR PARTNERS REQUEST OTHERWISE, WE INTEND TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS BILATERALLY WITHOUT GATT SECRETARIAT INVOLVEMENT.

8. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE GATT SECRETARIAT HAS CONVEYED INFORMATION ON THESE CONSULTATIONS IN A PURELY BILATERAL MANNER, I.E, INFORMATION HAS BEEN EXCHANGED ONLY BETWEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE NOTIFYING AND NOTIFIED COUNTRIES. FOR THIS REASON, WE HAVE NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTENT OF OTHER NOTIFICATIONS. INFORMAL CONTACTS INDICATE THAT MOST OTHER COUNTRIES SUBMITTED MORE LIMITED NOTIFICATIONS THAN THE U.S. BUT THAT NO CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO DATE.

9. TO DATE, MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH TURKEY INDIA AND ARGENTINA. OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO FINISH THESE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO OCTOBER 27 QR SUB-GROUP MEETING. WHETHER OR NOT WE MAKE THIS DEADLINE DEPENDS IN LARGE PART ON THE RESPONSE OF OUR CONSULTATION PARTNERS.

10. MTN DEL WILL PASS SUMMARIES OF GENEVA CONSULTATIONS TO CAPITALS FOR INFORMATION AND POSSIBLE COMMENT FOR ASSISTANCE IN MTN. WALKER

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